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"FUNSTON HIGHWAY" CONVENTION BRINGS DESIRED RESULTS

Oscar Sandusky has returned from Hutchinson, Kansas, where he was a delegate to the Camp Funston-Fort Bliss Military Highway. He reports a splendid meeting. The next convention will be held in Dalhart next October.

The proposed route is to be located as nearly as practicable beginning at Fort Bliss, Texas (El Paso), thence paralleling the route of the El Paso and Southwestern to Tucumcari and following the Rock Island through New Mexico, Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas via Hutchinson to McPherson; thence following the Meridian road to Salina, thence following the Golden Belt road to Fort Riley and Camp Funston, then following the Fort to Fort route as approved by the Kansas State Highway Commission and by the Federal Department of Agriculture to Fort Leavenworth.

The Hutchinson Gazette says: "Enthusiasm, definiteness of purpose and a determination to see the biggest internal improvement project ever launched in the west—the first of its kind ever launched in the United States—through its completion, marked the convention here yesterday of the Fort Leavenworth, Camp Funston, Fort Bliss National Military Highway Association.

"A permanent organization was effected and a definite program comprising a military roadway connecting the Missouri River and the biggest military establishment in the United States—Camp Funston and Fort Riley—with the Mexican border, along the most direct mileage feasible was outlined. This program will at once be certified to the state legislatures of the four states with the recommendation of the association that these legislatures memorialize the national congress impressing the military utility of the proposed highway, and urging the national congress to empower the war department to declare the proposed route a military highway, and to provide through necessary legislation, a plan for its financing and construction.

"At the hour of assembly, yesterday morning, in the Elks Club auditorium Mayor Frank Vincent welcomed the delegates and briefly outlined the work of the previous tentative organization meeting in Tucumcari Dec. 22.

"C. W. Oswald, president of the local Commercial Club and H. W. Magruder, of Liberal, were made temporary chairman and secretary of the convention. The chair was thereupon authorized to name committees on permanent organization, resolutions and legislative program, log, route and markers and publicity.

"Tucumcari always goes over the top, and she'll go over the top in this matter," was the enthusiastic declaration of Mr. Oscar Sandusky of Tucumcari, N. M. Mr. Sandusky declared that all necessary to get action from Tucumcari in this project is to let Tucumcari know what is expected of her.

The convention unanimously accepted the invitation of Dalhart, Texas, for the next convention, which will assemble in the Texas Panhandle town in October.

This achievement was accomplished by the Tucumcari Chamber of Commerce and when it is completed will be worth many dollars to this part of the country. This one thing should repay every member for what he has paid into the Commercial Club.

The idea was conceived by its first president, Mr. T. A. Muirhead, of Tucumcari. He asked the Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce to get busy on the proposition. A meeting was called and it was attended by a representative bunch of boosters all the way from Hutchinson, Kansas. Mr. Muirhead is moving away from this city but he has left a monument to his memory. The Commercial Club has proved once more that it is a necessary adjunct to a thriving community. No one person can accomplish much but when a community is tied together with a live commercial club there is very little of value that can get away. So while at work on various other propositions let every public spirited citizen become a member of the club and help put Tucumcari on the map not only as a road center but a factory and business center.

The R. A. G. club and a few of their friends were entertained by the Misses Vivian and Maurine Steckman Saturday night. The party was an impromptu affair, starting with the picture show and a desire, after the manner of the young people, to dance afterward. It ended with a midnight lunch. Show, party and lunch were enjoyed by the Misses Arabelle DeOliveria, Vivian Steckman, Lucille Manney, Maurine Steckman and Gladys Johnson; Messrs. Jack Pullen, Richard Tagader, Joe Bonem, Horton Ward and Claude Voyles.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEET

The following justices of the peace and constables were declared to have been elected last week by the county commissioners after they had canvassed the vote:

Tucumcari—P. B. Henderlite, justice and J. P. Flores, constable.
Endee—Wm. J. Ashcraft justice; Knox P. Hedgecock constable.
Puerto—C. W. Carman justice; T. P. Craig constable.
Quay—Peter Laritson justice; R. D. Hutchens, constable.
Montoya—Stanley G. Calish justice and Pedro Benavidez constable.
Nara Visa—E. F. Snyder justice; O. J. Snyder constable.
Logan—Jules A. Watson, justice; L. C. Laurence constable.
Rana—J. W. Waltrip justice; J. B. Howe constable.
Obar—A. L. Hackerott, justice; M. L. Ethridge, constable.
San Jon—J. G. Ellis justice, S. N. Moyer constable.
McAlister—Jno. L. Hansfield justice; W. C. Lee, constable.
Jordan—J. A. Woodard justice; J. L. McCarty constable.
Porter—J. J. Burton, justice; Jue Guest constable.

No election was held in the other precincts.

In the matter of the opening of the Tucumcari to Logan Public road:

The above mentioned road having heretofore been viewed and surveyed and a plat of said road together with the report of the Viewers having heretofore been filed with the clerk of the Commissioner's Court, and the County Commissioners having heretofore declared said road as recommended by the Viewers to be a public road.

Now, therefore, the said Commissioners of Quay county, New Mexico hereby give notice to each and every person interested that the said Board of Commissioners will direct their officer to open and work the said road aforesaid from and after sixty days from the date notices are posted.

That all parties are hereby ordered to remove any obstruction that they may have in the said road before the expiration of said time, under the penalty of the law.

The Commissioners accept the report of the Viewers of the Hartford Cap Rock Road and in as much as the Viewers recommend that this road be not made a public road on account of the great sum of money that would be required to build a road, the Commissioners order the County Clerk to turn the \$25.00, which was put up with the road petition, over to the County Treasurer to be credited to the County Road Fund.

The Board received a bid of Mr. C. D. Beeth submitting an offer of Four Hundred and Fifty Dollars in cash for the Old Road Tractor owned by Quay County, and the offer of Mr. Beeth is accepted, and the tractor sold to him. The clerk is instructed to turn the four hundred dollars over to the County Treasurer to be credited to the County Road Fund.

Other business was disposed of and the commissioners adjourned.

MEMORIAL SERVICE NEXT SUNDAY AT 7:00 P. M.

There will be a memorial service conducted by Rev. A. N. Evans next Sunday evening at the Center Street Methodist church, at which time and place the following program will be rendered:

Evening service 7 p. m., Memorial for
Lieut. Isaac Kirkpatrick.
Prelude—Mendelssohn
Miss Cynthia Elkins
Star Spangled Banner—
Saxophone Quartette
Prayer.
Abide With Me—P. A. Schneckner
Choir
Scripture Lesson
A Perfect Day—Carrie Jacobs-Bond
Mrs. C. H. Hittson
Mr. Paul James, Saxophone obligato.
Address—Rev. A. N. Evans.
Beautiful Isle of Somewhere—J. S. Fearis—
Quartette
Placing Gold Star—James Briscoe
Hymn No. 524.

ATTENTION R. C. WORKERS

Of the 800 refugee garments allotted the Quay County Chapter the following have been finished and shipped:

210 boys' drawers.
55 undershirts.
30 dresses.
40 skirts.

335 garments.
Also 125 pairs socks, 10 sweaters; 14 water-proof kits.

There still remains 390 boys drawers; 25 boys undershirts; 5 dresses; 66 skirts; 20 layettes. With the exception of the layettes these garments must be finished and in the work room by Tuesday Jan. 28. Quay county has never failed the Red Cross and we feel sure you will not fail now.

There is some yarn at the Work Room which the committee is anxious to have made into socks as soon as possible. If you can knit, please help us out.

The work room will be open Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday afternoons.

Mrs. Ira Briscoe,
Telephone 22 if you have any news.

"WRITING HOME"



When the soldier is off duty he may employ and amuse himself in many ways, but one of the first things he is sure to do is to write to home folks. Writing paper, envelopes, ink and pens are furnished free to the men by the Army Y. M. C. A.

This is a picture of a "rush hour" of letter writing and magazine reading in a "Y" building in a large camp of the Southern Department.

AMERICANS DEFEND THEM- SELVES IN NORTH RUSSIA

Archangel, Tuesday, Jan. 22—Bolshevik troops are heavily shelling the farthest south positions of the American and Russian armies at Ust Padenga, on the Waga river, thirty miles south of Shenturska. They also are showing considerable activity west of Shenturska on the Tania river. It has been impossible to determine as to whether the attack will develop on a greater scale. The enemy has mobilized the peasants in the vicinity of Vilsk and apparently is prepared for a general offensive in the Shenturska sector.

Sunday the enemy under cover of heavy bombardment, attacked with infantry, the American and Russian positions at Ust Padenga. The allied outposts withdrew, but the Bolshevik attack on the main positions was repulsed with heavy losses.

There has been no infantry action since, though there has been a constant rain of shells on the village. The American artillery is vigorously replying.

Yesterday, flying in a temperature of 16 degrees below zero, one American airplane bombed the enemy and secured direct hits on important Bolshevik.

The fighting is going on in cold, clear weather but the temperature is so low that it is difficult for the infantrymen to remain in the open any length of time.

DO YOU KNOW

That the county farm and ranch bureau organization is national in scope and is rapidly spreading to every agricultural community of the country.

That approximately 800 counties in the United States have already organized farm bureaus with a total membership of over half million?

That some states have a farm bureau organization in every county and a state federation of farm bureaus?

That ten counties in our state have organized farm bureaus since April, 1917, with a total membership of 2603?

That the farm bureau organization is a vital factor in the development of the agricultural resources and rural life of this state and that it merits the careful consideration of every progressive farmer and stockman in New Mexico?

That San Juan County Farm Bureau saved for its members \$65,000 this year?

That the Union county Farmers-Stockmen Bureau worth only two items was worth \$197,513?

That subsidiary marketing associations of the Dona Ana county farm bureau secured top market prices for \$159,800 worth of farm produce?

That Eddy county Farm Bureau saved \$32,185 for its members thru its various activities?

That Colfax County Farm Bureau has been worth \$61,910 to its members this year?

That farmers and stockmen of San Miguel county are \$103,303.17 better off because of the fact that there is a well organized Farm Bureau there to help them in handling their farm business?

That the total value of the work of these SIX farm bureaus the past year amounted to \$619,711.17.

If so,
Do you think it is worth while in Quay county?

Do you think that every farmer and stockman ought to be a member of such a county-wide organization?

If so,
Join.

Help in the organization work, and in conducting a membership campaign sometime soon.

So that you can all co-operate in building up within your county a more profitable agriculture, and a more wholesome home life.

PEACE CONFERENCE ADOPTS PRESIDENT WILSON'S PLAN

Paris, Jan. 22—An official bulletin issued by the press bureau this afternoon says:

"The proposals of President Wilson were approved, including recognition by the associated powers of the right of the Russian people to direct their own affairs without dictation from outside. The powers do not wish to exploit Russia.

"The powers recognize the revolution, and in no way countenance a counter-revolution. They wish to help Russia unselfishly, and invite all organized groups in Siberia or within the boundaries of European Russia as it stood before the war to send representatives to Princes islands to meet representatives of the associated powers, providing there is a truce of arms meanwhile.

"Such representatives will be expected at the place appointed by February 15.

The supreme council of the great powers hopes to formulate a concrete proposal on Russia at tomorrow's meeting.

This was the definite official announcement of the communique issued tonight, after the council had been considering the Russian situation continuously for the last two days.

It can be added that while this concrete proposal was not finally decided and reduced to writing, its main features were agreed on in principle. The members came from the session, however, feeling that there was no sovereign remedy assuring a certain cure for the difficult and dangerous situation, and that it would be desirable to embody several lines of action in the proposal.

LIEUT. BRISCOE RETURNS TO ENTER PRACTICE OF LAW

James Briscoe, who recently returned from army service, is to be associated with attorney Harry H. McElroy as assistant in his office at Tucumcari, and has commenced work. Mr. McElroy has opened an office at Alamo, N. M., in addition to his office here, and will make his residence at that place, but does not intend to discontinue his practice here.

Mr. Briscoe has been a resident of Quay county for nineteen years, and is well known all over the county, and known of splendid qualities and is well qualified to undertake the work he is now doing. Mr. Briscoe commenced the study of law some four or five years ago, and at the time of his enlistment he was a student of Valparaiso University, Ind., where he went to finish his education in law. He will continue his studies for a time and expects to be admitted to practice as soon as the next bar examination is held.

At the time Mr. Briscoe was discharged he held a commission as 2nd Lieutenant; he volunteered for service and the community is justly proud of his record, and glad to welcome him back to Tucumcari and to number him among the young business men of the city. The News is glad to know that James is satisfied that Tucumcari is one of the most promising towns in the west, and we bespeak success for him in this new undertaking.

LIEUT. DE OLIVERIA RETURNS

Lieut. Rhea DeOliveria has returned to Tucumcari, having been discharged from army service. He was drafted into service and gradually worked his way up the line until he received an appointment as 2nd lieutenant. For many months he was located in California but was later transferred to a camp in the East where he was when the armistice was signed. He was ready and anxious to do his part over there but it seems Uncle Sam needed him over here.

Rhea has not decided what he will do but is anxiously waiting for some proposition to show itself. In other words he is ready to go to work again and help the county commercially as well as through arms.

HUNTER AND NORRIS ARE STRONG FOR WAR ROAD

Santa Fe, N. M., Jan. 20—Representatives C. E. Hunter and H. O. Norris of Quay county spent several hours this morning consulting with State Highway Engineer James A. French and Deputy Engineer A. J. Charles on the Camp Funston-Fort Bliss Military Highway plan.

Mr. Hunter, who resigned last week as police judge at Tucumcari, to serve as a legislator for New Mexico, formerly was in charge of new roads in Texas county, Oklahoma and is a big booster for good roads. Discussing road work to the Santa Fe New Mexican reporter he said:

"There is to be a big road meet at Hutchinson, Kas., on January 20, and New Mexico, Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas will have representatives from all those counties through which the Rock Island railway and the E. P. & S. W. run. We people of Quay county are enthusiastic over the proposed military motor route from Camp Funston to Fort Bliss because we believe that this will be a good route for many people from the east and middle west to follow on their way to El Paso when they desire to go to California by the southern route, that is through the southern portion of Arizona. It has been argued that route, too, would appeal to the U. S. government for its value as a military highway, many people believing that the federal government will desire to keep a camp at both Funston and Fort Bliss.

"From my experience with road work I am firmly of the conviction that every dollar spent on good roads will bring back several hundred per cent profits. There is no better investment, in my opinion, for county or state, than to improve its roads, as this is the age when motors and trucks keep money in circulation and bring money to the places which recognize the value of good highways."

WHO WANTS TO TAKE A CHANCE ON AN OAT CROP?

Editor News:

I have talked to several of the farmers in this district in regard to sowing an oat crop this spring, which I believe is going to be the best time we have had in many years.

Some want to sow from 50 to 100 acres but are not able to buy the seed. Now, I have a proposition to put out to anyone who feels that he has the nerve to take the chance on a crop in Quay county.

The farmer to prepare the land—say double-disk, or list it to keep the weeds from getting a start of the oats—which will cost about \$1.25 per acre and the drilling will cost about 75c an acre.

Now the other fellow to furnish the seed which will cost about \$1.00 to \$1.10 per bushel. It will take about two bushels to plant an acre.

The farmer is to have one fourth (1/4) of said crop for rent of land. I believe that is customary, and the remainder—three fourths—is to be split 50-50. The farmer is to harvest said grain and put same in the stack and each party is to take his grain away from the threshing.

It is easy to figure the big profits to the man furnishing the seed providing the crop produces 25 or 30 bu. of grain to the acre, even if the price drops down to 75c per bushel. I know of several good men who will give anyone a square deal if they want to furnish some seed on this plan.

ERNEST E. HALL,
Jordan, New Mex.

MAN KILLED BY CARS IN YARD

The News failed last week to report death of an unknown man who was killed January 12 in the local switchyards just about dark. The man was dressed in two suits of overalls and appeared to have been a "lunger."

The accident occurred near the R. R. crossing while switching a string of box cars. It could have been suicide or perhaps the man thought he was catching a train out of town. He had been seen by several on Sunday but no person could identify him as to his name or place of residence. He never had a mark nor letter, not one thing by which the authorities could have any hopes of finding his people. He was a man about 35 or 40 years old, had light hair, spare build. His head and body were badly mangled making it hard to give much description of the dead man. His remains were buried at Sunnyside cemetery.

LETTER FROM E. M. WALLER

Whittier, Calif., Jan. 18, 1919
Editor of the News:

Please have the News to say that our friends will address us at Whittier, Calif. Mrs. Waller and I are in fine health. We have had the good fortune to escape the flu so far. The flu is on the increase all over California. It is getting to be alarming. We have noted with sadness the many affliction that have visited Tucumcari, as given in the News, and wish to extend to all sorrowing friends our sympathy and commend them to our Heavenly Father for strength and comfort in times of need.

We plan to return home about August 30th.

E. M. WALLER.

Miss Murphy and niece, Miss Francis Muirhead left today for Amarillo.

ALEX. RIVERA RECOVERS FROM 3 GUN- WOUNDS IN FRANCE

France, December 13, 1918.

Mrs. Juanita G. Rivera

Dear Mother:—

I got the pleasure of writing you a few lines to let you know how I am getting along. I am in Issurville, in a rest camp. I don't know what they are going to do with me. My outfit is in Germany and I don't know if I will go back to it or not. I hope when these few lines reach you all will be well. Mamma don't worry about me the war is over and I went through every battle we fought. I am still the same. Every day makes me happier. I am just fine. Pray for me and thank the Lord that I am still alive. Was wounded three times. My first wound was in the left leg, second in the right side of my back, and the third in my right leg and left side of the back, but I am all right. Don't worry about me I will do my best to be treated right.

I belong to one of the best fighting divisions in the U. S. Army which is the first division, and I am sending you a clipping from a paper to show you what Gen. Pershing thought of us. It shows what our division did. I went through every battle the first division fought or the 16th Inf.

I can't tell you about the other boys. I haven't been with them for sometime.

I will close wishing you a merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Your loving son,

ALEXANDER RIVERA.

Co. G, 16th Inf. A. E. F.

Miss Mary Rivera,

Dear Sister:—

I am getting along fine and hope you are well. I am out of the hospital the third time. I was wounded three times, but they were all slight. You need not be worried about me, I am still kicking. I went through every battle we fought in this war and I am still the same. I am just as happy as the day I enlisted. I am thanking the good Lord for what he has done for me.

I belong to the 1st division, 16th Inf., and been picked as the army of occupation, so I am here in a rest camp. I don't know whether they will send me to Germany to where my outfit is on. Every step I take I am that much closer home. I am praying to get home soon. Tell mother not to worry about me. I have been in France 18 months today and like France very well, but it rains all the time. I have been in this place three weeks and it has rained every day. I sure want to go back because I have been here so long. I can speak French a little, not very well, but I get away with it all right.

Sister it rains so much I guess I will just have to leave the mud on my feet by the time I get discharged.

I haven't had any mail from home since the first of September. I have not had any pay for a long time.

Wishing you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. I am

Your loving brother,

ALEXANDER RIVERA.

Wilson Highway May Come Over Funston Highway from K. C.

Kansas City, Mo., Jan. 21—The establishment of Wilson Highway as a trunk road from Ely, Minnesota, to El Paso, is embraced in the program of the national highways conference which was held here.

The Wilson highway plan was originated by Parley Sheldon of Ames, Iowa, who began agitation for such a project a year ago.

Saint's Highway, Des Moines to Kansas City, would become part of the Wilson highway, under the plan.

The conference designated the K. C. Automobile Club to lay out the route from Kansas City to El Paso. James White manager of the club, was named to act as secretary for this work.

METHODIST CHURCH

The following announcements are submitted for services at the Methodist church on Sunday, Jan. 26:

9:45 a. m., Sunday school.
11:00 a. m. Preaching by Rev. A. A. Evans, president of Howard Payne College of Fayette, Mo., and once pastor of the church in Tucumcari.

7:00 p. m. Memorial services in honor of Lieut. Isaac Kirkpatrick, who was killed in France; services to be conducted by his former pastor and personal friend, Rev. A. N. Evans.

Mrs. J. Warren Brown, who had been visiting relatives and friends in Memphis, Tenn., for several weeks, has returned home. Mrs. Brown had quite a time back there trying to let the folks know that Tucumcari, N. M. was in the United States. They had an idea New Mexico was the country of Mexico and was inhabited by Villa and his bandits. Well, Mrs. Brown is a good booster for New Mexico. Like most others she appreciates the beautiful sunshine.